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IRIS October Update



The latest news from EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program

Products Open for Public Comment

On October 24, 2013, EPA announced the extension of the public comment period for the draft ***IRIS Toxicological Review of Benzo[a]pyrene*** to November 21, 2013 [Federal Register Notice Oct 24, 2013]. This draft assessment will be discussed at the December Bimonthly IRIS public meeting (scheduled for December 12-13, 2013). More information on these meetings, including location, time, registration, and meeting materials will be available on the [IRIS public meeting page](#).

Upcoming IRIS Science Workshops

December 12-13, 2013: EPA will hold the first in a series of ***IRIS bimonthly meetings*** to obtain input from stakeholders and the public on data that may be used to characterize hazard and exposure-response relationships and develop toxicity values on chemicals being assessed through IRIS. EPA is seeking input on preliminary materials (draft literature searches and associated search strategies, evidence tables, and exposure-response arrays) on three chemicals: *ethyl tert-butyl ether*, *tert-butanol*, and *hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX)*. Additionally, EPA is seeking public input and discussion on the draft IRIS assessments of *ethylene oxide* and *benzo[a]pyrene* and draft charges to the peer review panel prior to external peer review. Additional details and the meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

March or April 2014: EPA is planning a ***formaldehyde public workshop*** to discuss several scientific issues related to its draft IRIS assessment of formaldehyde

(inhalation exposure). EPA is seeking suggestions from the public on topics and speakers/panelists related to three specific themes. This workshop will be open to the public, broadcast by webinar/teleconference, and will take place in the EPA Potomac Yards Conference Center in Arlington, VA. The deadline to submit recommendations for speakers/panelists and topics is **November 22, 2013**. Additional details, including information about the three specific themes and how to submit input, can be found [here](#).

January 7-8, 2014: EPA will hold a state-of-the-science workshop titled **"Chemically-induced Mouse Lung Tumors: Application to Human Health Assessment."** This workshop will cover a broad range of evidence from human, animal, and in vitro studies with a focus on specific chemicals (*ethylbenzene, naphthalene, and styrene*) causing tumors in mice and implicated in a proposed species-specific mode of action (MOA) based on metabolic and physiological susceptibility. The goal of the workshop is to inform the IRIS assessments for chemicals with similar mouse lung tumor evidence. Additional details and the meeting agenda are available [here](#).



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